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Stephen P. Alpert,
Editor

LAST CALL FOR 1993 DUES

If you haven't paid your \$4.00 CATC dues for 1993 as yet, there is a star after your name on the mailing envelope. Please send your dues to Steve Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066 if you wish to remain a member. (Almost half our members have not renewed yet; if you don't, this will be the last issue of Token Topics you will receive.)

JANUARY MEETING

Our meeting this month is on Saturday, Jan. 16, from 1 to 5 PM at the Antique Guild, at 8800 Venice Blvd. in West Los Angeles, adjacent to Culver City, between Robertson & La Cienega Blvds. We meet in the conference room, behind the cafe. I hope we match or top the attendance of our November meeting. We will have another auction if enough material is submitted.

NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT

Nine members attended the November meeting at the Antique Guild: Steve Alpert, John Barnes, George Baude (new member #341), Howard Frost, Charlie Hendrick, Matt Jones, Bob Kubach, Bob Ritterband, and M.C. Williams. Fortunately there was 1 lot of exonomia brought to the meeting, which kept most people busy for 2 to 3 hours. We had a 17-lot auction also - of tokens, medals, advertising paperweights, movie paper money, etc., with competitive bidding on a few lots. Refreshments followed the auction.

TOKENS NEWS

There's not much news to report this time. RTD is ordering a new bimetallic bus token to be issued probably this year. \$\$\$ I visited Las Vegas in December, on vacation (not seeking out tokens). While there I stumbled upon 2 types of tokens in use. First, at a gift shop in Circus Circus I noticed a big sign advising you to "BUY YOUR TOKENS NOW!" It was for a token-operated polaroid camera that takes your picture, which you place in a special greeting card to make a personalized gift or souvenir. I asked and found out that the tokens were \$5.50 each but they had none to show me - all were in the machine. Two days later I returned to examine the token - just a stock arcade-type token, with eagle on one side and No Cash Value on other, but larger, about 29mm. Secondly, at the Rio casino, I saw an enormous machine (about 9 feet tall, and 6x10 foot base) that could only be played with a token obtainable when you cashed your paycheck at the casino.

FREE ADS FROM MEMBERS (send yours to Steve Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066)

California Bicentennial. San Jose. First state capitol. Contains copper found on Mission Grounds. 1969. \$2.86 prepaid. Two for \$5.36 prepaid. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA 95692

Want to Buy or sell watch fobs or old duck calls. Also have some Minn. or South Dakota tokens to sell or trade, also Wis. Cecil Meeker, 1524 N. Prairie, Fairmont, MN 56031 Telephone 507-238-1324

I have football and baseball schedule large alum. round tokens; will swap one-for-one for Sofspira car wash tokens. Write for list of available schedule tokens. John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr., #43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

Modern medals for sale, most about silver dollar size, no aluminum, numismatic, bicentennial, commemorative, etc. Only \$1.00 each postpaid when you order 5 or more medals. Steve Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066

Will trade my "200" mostly different Mardi Gras doubloons for your "200" mostly diff. Sam Petry, P.O. Box 167, St. John, IN 46373

I'm still interested in corresponding with anyone that has or knows of World War I service medals issued by states, counties, cities and towns. I'll also buy or swap. Lou Small, P.O. Box 19262CTT, Jacksonville, FL 32245

Wanted for personal collection: Civil War ID tags, sutler tokens, patriotic tokens, Civil War books. Will buy or trade. Write or call. Rich Burnham, 2756 Onrado St., Torrance, CA 90503. 310-320-2552

Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, far northern California counties needed. Anybody have a Blue Lake, Cal. token? How about Alton, Cal. or Capetown, Cal.? Let me know what you have. Thanks. I have good traders or buy. Bob Giroux, Box 672, Blue Lake, CA 95525 (707) 668-5416

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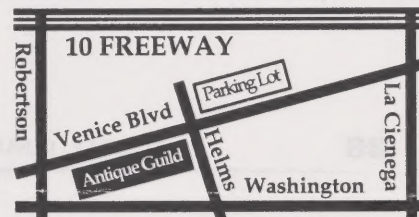
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MARCH, 1993
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MARCH MEETING We will meet on Saturday, March 20, from 1 to 5 PM at the Antique Guide, at 8800 Venice Blvd. in West Los Angeles, adjacent to Culver City. We meet in the conference room behind the cafe and facing the showcase antique mall. Let's have a good turnout; bring material to trade, sell, or show the others present. If enough people are present, we can conduct a club auction, so bring items to sell in the auction (club gets 10%). The main purpose of our club's existence is the bimonthly meetings; so if you live in So. Calif. please try to attend.



JANUARY MEETING REPORT We had a very small turnout last meeting due to rainy weather. Present were Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Charlie Hendrick, and Wally Shidler. That morning's L.A. Times pictured the new Los Angeles Rapid Transit tokens, and Wally went over to RTD that morning and bought a plastic packet of 10 tokens (probably the very first ones sold to the public) and brought it to the meeting. He noticed the unusual fact that the tokens don't say RTD on them - just the city and one fare.

Honorary life membership in CATC was granted to Elaine Willahan for her many years of service to our club as secretary and for hosting meetings at her home.

NEWS: According to a Butterfield & Butterfield ad in the Los Angeles Times in early March, their coin specialist [and exnumia authority] George Fuld was in town on March 9th to examine coins and medals brought in for possible consignment to their 1993 auctions. George once attended one of our meetings about 9 years ago, at Bill Massey's home in San Dimas.

FREE ADS FROM MEMBERS (Send yours to Steve Alpert, for next issue)

Will trade up to "200" different amusement tokens for your equal number. Sam Petry, P.O. Box 167, St. John, IN 46373

Iowa trade tokens wanted for collection including cardboard tokens (round or rectangular), modern plastics, and food change tokens. I really want tokens from Iowa City and Gowrie, Iowa. Dan Anderson, P.O.Box 2752, Iowa City, IA 52244 Phone 319-337-6001

Wanted: Santa Clara county (CA) tokens, medals and miscellaneous. Will trade other CA (or other states) material, or will buy for cash. Ken Barr, P.O. Box 32541, San Jose, CA 95152

For sale Dog license tags (10) my choice new tags for \$1.00. Plus SASE(52¢). Still want Sofspra car wash tokens - will trade or buy. Still have a few Football schedules left one for one for Sofspra car wash. John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr.#43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

You needed some of the 19,104 tokens and medals Williges sold in 1992. Free! At least next 3, fixed price, exonomic price lists. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA 95692

I'm still interested in corresponding with anyone that has or knows of World War I service medals issued by states, counties, cities, and towns. I'll also buy or swap. Lou Small, P.O. Box 19262CTT, Jacksonville, FL 32245

Municipal trade token collectors: Anyone interested in trades. Send me your list of traders and I'll send mine. Maybe we can work out some trades. Bob Gardner, 132 E. Carmans Road, E. Farmingdale, NY 11735-3838

Wanted: MD. and HI. tokens/medals also pickers, packers, canners - all states. Please describe. E.L. Craig, 6806 Dunhill Rd., Baltimore, MD 21222-5913

Still available, my new "Tokens and Medals" guidebook, the only reference encyclopedia to all U.S. exonomia. 300 pages, 4,000 illustrations, values. \$22.45 postpaid. 2800 copies sold! Stephen P. Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066

METRO NEWS

A Token Change



MIKE MEADOWS / Los Angeles Times

Today the Rapid Transit District will introduce tokens, right, to replace its 90-cent discount tickets. Within a week the tokens will be avail-

able at 300 outlets that have been selling the paper tickets. Metropolitan Transit Authority tokens, left, were discontinued in the mid-1960s.

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MAY, 1993
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MAY MEETING: At the Antique Guild, 8800 Venice Blvd. in West L.A. adjacent to Culver City, in their conference room. On Sunday, May 16th, 1 to 4 or 5 PM (future meetings will be on Saturdays). I will be bringing a load of fresh exnumia: my big ½-off box, my trade token junk box, lots of transportation tokens, a binder full of new material, etc.

MARCH MEETING REPORT: Attendees were Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Charlie Hendrick, and M.C. Williams. Lots of trading and interesting conversation, despite the small turnout that Sunday.

TOKEN NEWS: None this time. I had hoped to print a short article on golf ball marker exnumia. but couldn't get author's permission at this time.

FREE ADS FROM MEMBERS:

Ten diff. new dog license tags, US or Canada or mixed, \$1.00 plus 52¢ SASE. Will also swap for car wash tokens, especially SOFSPRA. I have all sorts of tokens, any specific you may want?? Write. Also have a large collection of AMUSEMENT TOKENS may dispose of?? John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr.#43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Cash paid for 13,138 tokens and medals in 1992. Many more needed in 1993. Check our high buying prices. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA 95692

Will trade my "500" well-mixed Mardi Gras Doubloons for your "500". Sam Petry, P.O. Box 167, St. John, IN 46373

Although I still collect WWI service medals issued by states, counties, cities and towns, I also collect WWI Victory Medals of Allied nations. The U.S. Victory miniatures should have clasps on the ribbon. Can you help me in both categories? Small, Box 19262CTT, Jacksonville, FL 32245

Send \$2.00 for my enormous June 28th mail bid sale auction catalogue #43, if you are not on my active mailing list. (Or come to our May meeting to receive an advance copy.) Over 3400 lots. Includes a California town trade token collection (listed individually). Steve Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066

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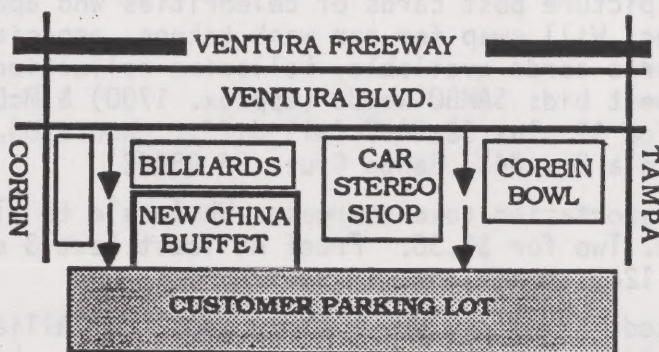
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JULY MEETING: In an attempt to generate a good turnout for our July meeting, we are trying something different: holding our meeting in a restaurant, with a free lunch (all you can eat!) courtesy of our club to all members (or new members joining at the meeting).

Date: Saturday, July 17, 1 to 4 PM.

Place: The New China Restaurant Chinese Buffet, 19629 Ventura Blvd, near the Tarzana-Woodland Hills border, east of Corbin.

Directions: Take the Ventura Freeway west to Winnetka. Turn left on Winnetka one block to Ventura Blvd, turn left (east) on Ventura a few blocks to 19629, on right (south) side of Ventura, $\frac{1}{2}$ block past Corbin. The restaurant is large but difficult to find, as it has no frontage on Ventura (or the parking lot; the map is not accurate). The entrance is from a walkway inside the commercial complex. Look for a "Chinese Buffet" sign on the sidewalk. If you get to the Corbin Bowl you've gone too far. Park in the very large parking lot in the rear (shared by the bowling alley); look for the Chinese Buffet sign and arrow. The restaurant's entrance is near that of the large billiard parlor, and opposite a vacant slot car racing emporium.



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We will hold our meeting in the left rear portion of the restaurant, where the lighting is best (better than at Antique Guild). There are 7 large table booths we can use for our trading. The restaurant requests that our buying and selling (exchange of money) activities be done quietly and discretely.

The restaurant is usually devoid of customers on Saturday afternoons. Please try to get there early, from 1 to 2 PM, as at 3PM we will begin eating, and they would like us to leave about 4PM (end of lunchtime).

The CATC will be treating all members in attendance to lunch. The restaurant is self service - with 16 courses including soups, salads, desserts, and a wide variety of Chinese food. I've eaten there 3 times, and the food is good and varies daily. Ice water is self service; other drinks (soda, tea, coffee, etc.) are available at your expense.

Bring exnomia to trade. We may have 15 to 25 people attend! (No club auction.)

MAY MEETING REPORT: Our May meeting at the Antique Guild was attended by members Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, M.C. Williams, and late arrival Charlie Hendrick; plus guest Ed Kraszewski.

NEWS: Bob Ritterband reports than member Elaine Willahan was injured in an auto accident recently on her way home from church. The driver, a neighbor, ran into a power pole just a few blocks from her home. Elaine is currently recuperating in a convalescent hospital.

FREE ADS FROM MEMBERS:

New picture post cards of celebrities who appeared at Nevada clubs, regulat to large sizes. Will swap for car wash tokens, especially Sofspra, or make offer. Other Mike Roberts cards available. Following collections with varieties still available for highest bid: SAMBO woods (approx. 1700) & McDONALDS (approx.800). Dog license tags 10 for \$1 plus 52¢SASE (all diff., choose US, Canada, mixed). John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr. #43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Transportation token bargain. Wholesale to all CATC members. CA 895-0, only 86¢ pre-paid. Two for \$1.36. Free! At least next 3 exonomic fixed price lists. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA 95692

Wanted: Miniature WWI Victory medals of Allied Nations. The U.S. Victory miniatures should have bars or clasps on the ribbon. Lou Small, Box 19262CTT, Jacksonville, FL 32245

Iowa trade tokens wanted including modern plastics, round and rectangular cardboards and food stamp change tokens. Also want rectangular cardboard tokens from all states and one token from a town in Illinois. Dan Anderson, P.O. Box 2752, Iowa City, IA 52244

Will trade my "10" different good-fors for your "10" diff. Sam Petry, P.O. Box 167, St. John, IN 46373

Wanted to buy: Any collections of exonumia or odds and ends. Ship for my cash offer, your postage refunded. Still paying a lot for real nice old hobo nickels for my collection. My "TOKENS and MEDALS" guidebook still available, \$22.45 postpaid; over 3,000 copies sold so far. Write for quantity discount schedule. Steve Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066

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SEPTEMBER MEETING: We will meet on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 1 to 4 or 5 PM, at our regular meeting place, The Antique Guild in West Los Angeles near Culver City, at 8800 Venice Blvd. (the old Helms Bakery Building). The meeting room is behind the Cafe, near the mall showcases. The Antique Guild is having a big 2-day auction that weekend (previews 9AM, auction starts 11AM) which shouldn't affect our meeting, other than possibly making it harder to find parking. However, at the time of this writing (Sept. 8), they were considering possibly cancelling the auction.

Please bring as much material to swap or sell, or for the club auction (if sufficeint attendance). The more people and material on hand makes for better meetings. I will be bringing a shoebox full of assorted old poker chips for sale at \$1 each, part of a collection of gaming chips I recently purchased. The hundreds of casino chips and scarce poker chips will be in my next Mail Bid Sale, #44, to close in November or later (delayed due to my recent move - see my ad below for new phone #s, as I moved from General Telephone to Pacific Bell).

JULY MEETING REPORT: Ten people showed up for our July meeting at the Chinese buffet restaurant in Woodland Hills. The normal difficulty finding the place was compounded by the wrong street number (taken from their business card) which is on the other side of the street. Present were Steve Alpert, Paul Andre (new member #343), John Barnes, Ken Barr, Cliff Gabard, Charlie Hendrick, Ron Ishizaki (new member #344), Matt Jones, Bob Ritterband, and Wally Shidler. There were binders and boxes of exonumia galore, brought by Steve, Ken and Ron (down from San Jose), Paul, Charlie, and Matt. There was so much to browse through that we stayed til 5PM, and all partook in the all-we-could-eat lunch from 3-4PM. Plus there was lots of exonumia and related discussions; Wally had just experienced a southern California test ride on the new tilt-train, but there was no exonumia to commemorate the event. The reataurant arranged a long row of tables for us, perfect for our meeting. Unfortunately, many local members didn't attend; even though, it was our best meeting in several years.

NEWS AND NOTES: Marc Weiser, who specializes in Las Vegas casino chips, tokens, postcards, and other collectibles, reports that the Luxor hotel-casino (currently under construction and shaped like a pyramid) will be buying 250,000 gaming chips from Chipco International (the maker of colorful pictorial chips). Although a precise design has not been determined, all the chips will feature colorful Egyptian images. § § § § § Wally Shidler submitted the interesting article on transportation tokens reproduced here. It is from the Sept. 1946 edition of "Two Bells", the employee magazine of the Los Angeles Transit Lines. § § § § § According to an ad in the L.A. Times from Bullock's dept. store, Fossil watches has issued a new limited edition (10,000) Reign of Superman watch. Each watch comes with one of four commemorative coins (depicting a super-rival of Superman). Priced at \$70 each (for the watch) these premium medals (size and composition unknown) may be extremely hard to come by if they are not available some other way. § § § § § There's a new catalogue out on the free play, free drink, souvenir, etc. tokens of Nevada. I bought a copy at the June Long Beach coin show, but misplaced or lost it in my move. More copies should be available at the late Sept.-early Oct. Long Beach show; check with me at Table 312. I had sold my collection of these pieces about two years ago. When I flipped through the book, I noticed nearly all the very unusual and rare pieces I once had were pictured in the book. I afterwards learned from the author that my collection had been used for most of the book's listings.

FREE ADS FROM MEMBERS: (Mail yours to Steve Alpert)

Will trade my world coins for your tokens and medals. Sam Petry, P.O. Box 167, St. John, IN 46373

You needed some of the 19,104 exonomic items Williges sold in 1992. Free! At least next 3 token/medal fixed price lists. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA 95692

Brass or copper Peddlers Badges from E. Angus, Quebec, 1960s, \$3.00 each or trade for Sofspra Car Wash Tokens. Celebrity post cards of Nevada casinos, \$2 each plus post. or trade. Foreign transp. for sale at catalog or trade. Also have bottle openers Beer-Hotel-One Milk. John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr.#43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Looking forward to swapping or corresponding re WWI service medals issued by states, counties, cities and towns. Have Long Beach & San Francisco CA to trade. Lou Small, Box 19262CTT, Jacksonville, FL 32245

Trans-Miss. Expo. 1898, Omaha items and most Nebraska Exonomia wanted. George Hosek, 7411 Idledake, Omaha, NE 68112, 402-455-1905

I have recently moved to a new location in West L.A. My P.O. Box address remains the same, but my new phone #s are 310-836-2482; Fax: 310-836-5691. Because of the move, my October Mail Bid Sale #44 is postponed until November, or later. Send \$2 for the catalogue if you are not on my current mailing list. Steve Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066

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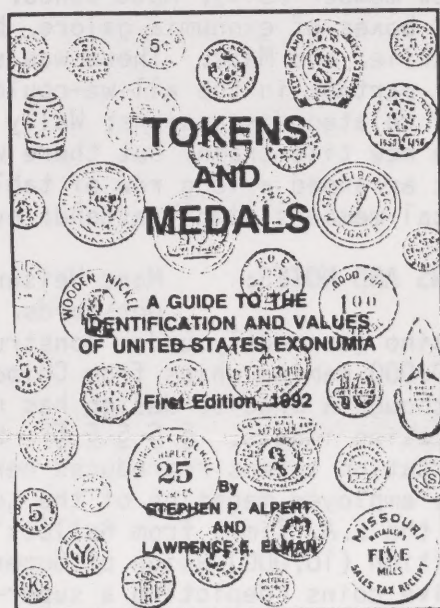
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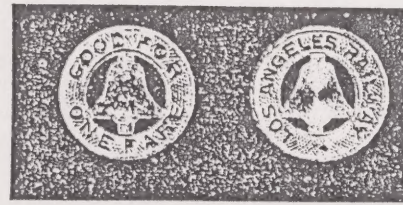


The Mission Bell Rings Out

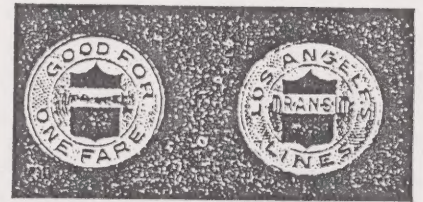
ON Monday, September 9, 1946, the Los Angeles Transit Lines received the first shipment of 100,000 new tokens, part of a recent order of 3,000,000. These tokens are of a new design, with the bar and shield of the Los Angeles Transit Lines replacing the old mission bell.

To the several thousand collectors this new token issue is as important as is a new stamp to the philatelists. Token collectors are already beginning to haunt F. P. Snyder of the Treasury Department, who, incidentally, is a token collector himself. He will probably receive hundreds of letters from people wanting to purchase these new tokens. Collectors will also buy them from the trainmen out on the lines and trade with collectors in other parts of the world.

Token collecting has become quite a hobby and many of them are considered priceless. A. C. Zakor of Division One has in his possession a token from the New York and Harlem Railroad, the first company in the United States to issue tokens. He also owns a token issued by the Spring and West Sixth Street Railroad, the first street railway in Los



The old mission bell.



The new bar and shield.

Angeles, and has, no doubt, also collected his share of the new issue.

Though tokens of every design are picked up by these avid fans, those having letters on them disappear from circulation the most quickly. This is due to the fact that many people use them for watch charms or to make into bracelets, spelling out the names of their wives or sweethearts. Every letter of the alphabet is represented, with the exception of "Q". In the illustration below, Mr. Charles Lamb of Long Beach, Washington, spelled out the Allegiance to the Flag in tokens collected from all over the nation.

Foreign tokens roll into the cashier's office in a continual stream. They come from such far away places as Mexico, Hawaii and England. Honolulu is represented over

and over again in our fare boxes.

Likewise, tourists visiting our fair city often purchase tokens for souvenirs. These later show up as fares in some other city.

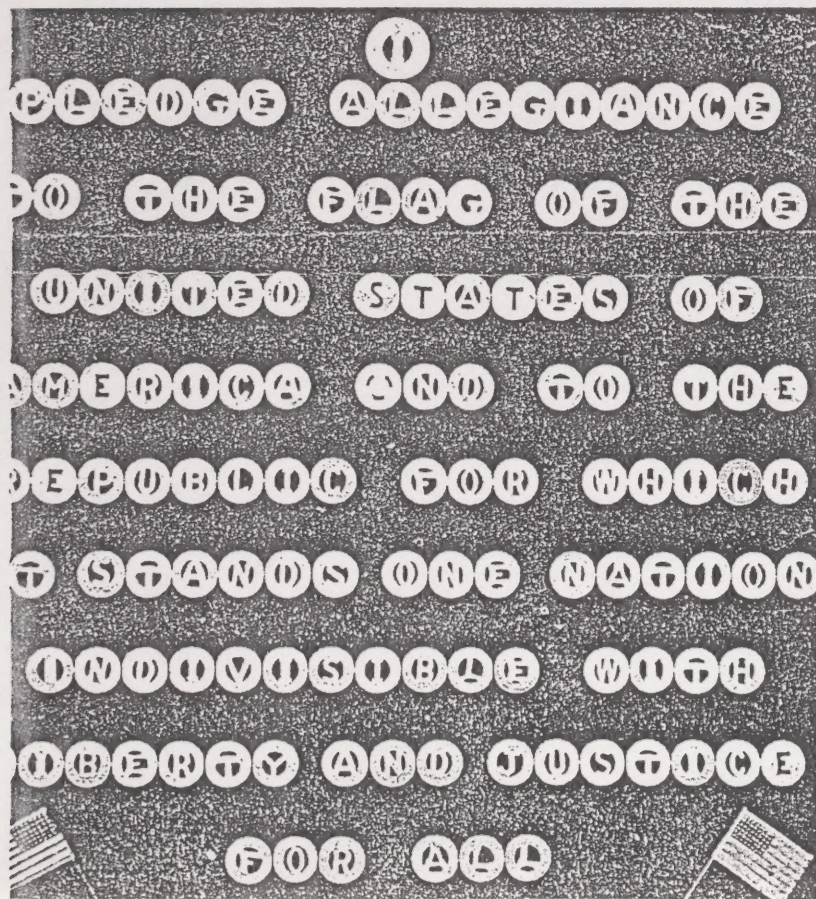
At the present time an average of 2300 foreign tokens fall into our fare boxes each month. The division cashiers send them to the Cashier's Office in the main building, where Frank Snyder and Stanley Underwood separate and place them in envelopes. At the end of the month, the envelopes are mailed to the various companies, and in exchange these companies send us our own tokens which have been picked up on their lines. If there is a difference in cost, this is made up in cash.

Over six hundred companies are on our exchange list. Most of these are in the United States, with the exception of the Honolulu Rapid Transit.

The mission bell token, which has been replaced with the Transit Lines shield, was issued on October 21, 1928, when the fare was raised from 5c to 7c. Patrons were allowed to purchase these tokens four for 25c.

The mission bell token was designed by Art Genn of the Drafting Department, who is still with the company. Genn prepared some thirty-five or forty sketches and submitted them. However, they did not carry the spirit of Los Angeles. A conference followed wherein someone mentioned the Camino Real. The mission bell was thereupon adopted.

It will take approximately seven years for the mission bell token to disappear from circulation. Various collectors and amateur collectors will from time to time throw them into the fare boxes. Perhaps in the far distant future this token will truly be a collector's item.



Allegiance to the Flag spelled out in tokens from various cities.

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1994 DUES: Please mail your 1994 CATC dues of \$4.00 to Steve Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066. Or pay at the Nov. 20th meeting. It's a good time to include your free ad for the next issue of Token Topics. If you have already paid your 1994 dues in advance, look for a note saying so on the mailing envelope in the lower left corner.

NEWS: Member Larry Edell has revived his collecting interest in transportation tokens after several years of inactivity. Contact him at P.O. Box 421440 San Diego, CA 92142. § § § § LAS VEGAS "P.E.C.

Preferred Service" CHIP: Preferred Equities Corp. runs a time-share resort complex behind the Imperial Palace.

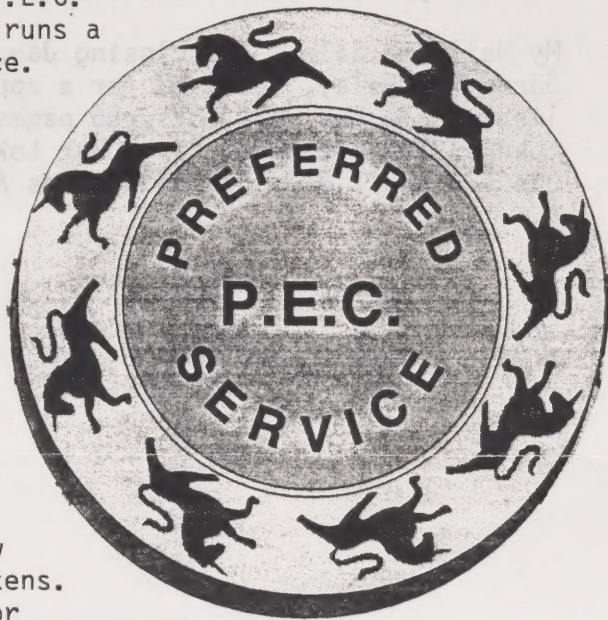
When checking in with a member-friend, my brother was given an instruction sheet and envelope to use to reward an employee who provided exceptional service, by putting the token (as they call it, but the illustration appears to be a chip) in the envelope and writing the employee's name on the envelope, and dropping it in a special box.

When he asked why he didn't get a token, they said they had to stop using them because

people were keeping them as souvenirs. So if any of our chip collectors encounter this pink colored chip, you'll know what it is. § § § §

The "SLOT TOKEN OF THE FUTURE" has arrived: CHIPCO International, the makers of colorful casino chips that are very popular with chip collectors, has now introduced their Pro-Tech Series of casino slot tokens.

The tokens look just like the chips, with full color designer graphics applied onto the metal of the token. These new tokens have the following features: 1) they will work with normal tokens in existing machines; 2) the new tokens have invisible bar codes (to eliminate slugs, with an upgraded coin acceptor); 3) CHIPCO can take a casino's current tokens, strip off the faces and apply their colorful designs on the same blanks (that they actually do this is doubtful); 4) they're washable with no metal powder residue (clean player hands and clean machine mechanisms). This information is from an ad in a casino trade magazine, submitted by Wally Shidler. The ad stresses the profits to be expected when collectors walk off with these colorful tokens as souvenirs.



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Genuine bawdy house medal. Fran's Star Ranch. Beatty, Nevada. Dollar size. Antiqued bronze. \$7.86. Free! Fran's match folder/bumper sticker. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA 95692

I have blank bank checks, US & foreign, & 2 cancelled. Make offer. Most of Sept. offers still good. Also have Nevada Gambling tokens, most circulated. Parking tokens (1973 Edition) sell at double catalog plus post & ins. if wanted. Wanted car wash tokens and have good traders in both Sofspra and Non Sofspra. John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr.#43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Wanted: In 1976 a Municipal Trade coin was issued in Fort Bragg. good for \$1.00. I would like to obtain one. If anyone has a spare, please let me know. Will purchase or trade. Thanks. Bob Gardner, 132 E. Carmans Rd., E. Farmingdale, NY 11735-3838

WANTED: Iowa trade tokens including plastic, cardboard & food stamp change. Also want rectangular cardboard good for tokens from all states (no tickets, coupon books, etc.). Dan Anderson, P.O. Box 2752, Iowa City, IA 52244

Will trade or buy any and all WWI Service medals issued by California towns and counties or any issued by other state, counties, cities, and towns. Lou Small, Box 19262CTT, Jacksonville, FL 32245

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My Mail Bid Sale # 44, closing Jan. 10, 1994, will be mailed out in early December. Sorry for delay. Send \$2 for a copy if you're not presently on my active mailing list. Sale has 3600 lots, 56 pages, and features military tokens, casino chips and tokens, trade tokens, Civil War tokens, bulk lots galore, and much much more! Steve Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066 310-836-2482